

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of the claims replaces the listings of the claims in the present patent application:

Listing of Claims:

1. **(Currently Amended)** An audio playback device interface for interface with an audio headset, said audio playback device interface comprising:

a first load resistance in series between an audio output of a stereo headset driver of an audio playback device and a ground, wherein the first load resistance is configured to prevent the audio output from directly contacting ~~[[a]]~~ the ground when a mono headset plug is inserted into the stereo headset driver to prevent damage to the stereo headset driver by providing a load that prevents the audio output from directly contacting the ground, ~~of the audio playback device~~, the first load resistance configured to reduce current draw from a power supply corresponding to the playback device when a mono headset is plugged into a headset jack ~~of the playback device~~; a headset driver electrically coupled to the load, wherein the first load resistance is at least equal to the minimum impedance that the stereo headset driver is configured to drive; ~~[[and]]~~

a second load resistance equal to the first load resistance, the second load resistance in series between a second audio output of a stereo headset driver and a stereo headset jack of an audio playback device; and

a blocking capacitor disposed between the stereo headset driver and the first load resistance, wherein the blocking capacitor is configured to filter DC voltage from the stereo headset driver.

2. **(Cancelled)**

3. **(Currently Amended)** An audio playback device comprising:

a stereo headset driver for amplifying a first audio signal and a second audio signal to a headset;

a headset jack for contacting a headset plug in communication with a headset, the ~~[[said]]~~ headset jack in communication with output from the ~~[[said]]~~ stereo headset driver; ~~[[and]]~~

a first load resistance between the ~~[[said]]~~ headset jack and a first audio output from the ~~[[said]]~~ stereo headset driver for preventing the ~~[[a]]~~ first audio output from contacting a ground when a mono headset plug is inserted into the headset jack ~~stereo headset driver~~ of the audio playback device to prevent damage to the stereo headset driver by providing a load that prevents the audio output from directly contacting the ground, wherein the first load resistance is configured to reduce current draw from a power supply corresponding to the playback device when the mono headset is plugged into the headset jack; and ~~of the playback device.~~

a blocking capacitor disposed between the stereo headset driver and the first load resistance, wherein the blocking capacitor is configured to filter DC voltage from the stereo headset driver.

4. **(Currently Amended)** The audio playback device of claim 3 wherein the ~~[[said]]~~ first load resistance comprises a resistance in series between a first audio output from the ~~[[said]]~~ stereo headset driver and the ground.

5. **(Currently Amended)** The audio playback device of claim 4 ~~[[3]]~~ further comprising a second load resistance between the ~~[[said]]~~ headset jack and a second audio output from the ~~[[said]]~~ stereo headset driver.

6. **(Currently Amended)** The audio playback device of claim 5 wherein the second load resistance ~~of said second load~~ is equal to the first load resistance ~~of said first load~~.

7. **(Currently Amended)** The audio playback device of claim 5 wherein the said second load resistance comprises a resistance in series between a second audio output from the ~~[[said]]~~ stereo headset driver and the ~~[[said]]~~ headset jack.

8. **(Currently Amended)** A mobile communication device comprising:

a stereo headset driver for amplifying a first and a second audio signal to a headset;

a headset jack for contacting a headset plug in communication with a headset, the ~~[[said]]~~ headset jack in communication with output from the ~~[[said]]~~ stereo headset driver; ~~[[and]]~~

a load between said headset jack and a first audio output from the ~~[[said]]~~ stereo headset driver for preventing a first audio output from contacting a ground when a mono headset plug is inserted into the stereo headset driver of the audio playback device to prevent damage to the stereo headset driver by providing a load that prevents the audio output from directly contacting the ground, wherein the load is configured to reduce current draw from a power supply corresponding to the playback device when the mono headset is plugged into the headset jack of the communication device; and

a blocking capacitor disposed between the stereo headset driver and the load resistance, wherein the blocking capacitor is configured to filter DC voltage from the stereo headset driver.

9. **(Currently Amended)** A method of making a stereo audio playback device compatible with stereo and mono headsets comprising:

providing a headset driver for the audio playback device for amplifying a first audio signal and a second audio signal to a headset;

placing a first load resistance on a first audio output from the headset driver to prevent the ~~[[a]]~~ first audio output from contacting a ground on a headset plug when a mono headset plug is inserted into a headset jack ~~the stereo headset driver~~ of the audio playback device to prevent damage to the stereo headset driver by providing a load that prevents the audio output from directly contacting the ground, wherein the first load resistance is configured to reduce current draw from a power supply corresponding to the playback device when the mono headset is plugged into the headset jack of the playback device;

placing a second ~~another~~ load resistance between a second audio output from the headset driver and the ~~[[a]]~~ headset jack of the audio playback device;
[[and]]

matching the values of the first load resistance and the second load resistance; ~~and two loads.~~

placing a capacitor between the headset driver and each load resistance,
wherein the capacitor is configured to filter DC voltage from the headset driver.

10. **(Currently Amended)** The method of claim 9 wherein placing ~~[[a]]~~ the first load resistance on the ~~[[a]]~~ first audio output comprises placing ~~[[a]]~~ the first load resistance in series between the ~~[[a]]~~ first audio output from the stereo headset driver and the ~~[[a]]~~ ground.

11. **(Cancelled).**

12. **(Currently Amended)** The method of claim 10 wherein placing the second ~~[[a]]~~ load resistance on the ~~[[a]]~~ second audio output comprises placing ~~[[a]]~~ the second load resistance in series between the ~~[[a]]~~ second audio output from the stereo headset driver and the ~~[[a]]~~ headset jack.

13. **(Cancelled)**

14. **(Cancelled)**

15. **(Currently Amended)** The method of claim 12 ~~[[10]]~~ wherein the first load ~~[[said]]~~ resistance is equal to or greater than a minimum impedance or resistance that the ~~which said~~ headset driver is configured to drive.